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FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Accounts and Finance (Public Debt) No. 3110, *dated Simla, the* 19*th July* 1897.

THREE-AND-A-HALF PER CENT LOAN.

His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council has resolved to borrow three hundred lakhs of rupees for the public service in the following manner :

2. Promissory Notes will be issued for the said amount in the Form annexed to this Notification, being the form of the notes of the *Three-and-a-half per cent Loan of* 1854-55, of which loan the notes to be now issued will form a part. All the conditions which apply to notes of *the Three-and-a-half per cent Loan of* 1854-55 will apply to the notes to be now issued. The interest on the notes of that loan is payable half-yearly on the 30th day of June and the 31st day of December ; and the notes are not liable to discharge before the 1st day of August 1904.

Tenders.

3. Tenders for the whole or any part of the said amount of Rs. 3,00,00,000 will be received by the Comptroller General from this date to noon of Monday, the 16th August next. Tenders must be for sums of 500 Rupees or multiples of 500 Rupees.

4. Each tender must be addressed, in the form annexed to this Notification, to the Comptroller General, Calcutta, and enclosed in a closed cover, superscribed "*Tender for the Three-and-a-half per cent Loan.*" If the tenderer is not resident in India, he must name an agent resident in India to whom an allotment-certificate may be issued, if any part of the loan is allotted to such tenderer.

NOTE.—Tenders made in accordance with these instructions will also be received by the Accountants General, Madras and Bombay, on account of the Comptroller General, Calcutta, on the 14th August and up to 11-30 or 11 o'clock local time respectively (corresponding with 12 o'clock in Calcutta) on the 16th August, provided that—

(*a*) they are delivered personally or by clerk or messenger at the Accountant General's Office (where a receipt will be given for them) ;

(*b*) they are made on printed forms, to be obtained at the same office or at the local Presidency Bank ;

(*c*) each tender is for not less than Rs. 10,000 ;

(*d*) that the deposit is either a promissory note or a Treasury Receipt from the Head Office of the local Presidency Bank, or a cheque on a local Bank in Madras or Bombay in favour of the Accountant General, Madras or Bombay, respectively.

(*e*) that the amount of the tender is made payable either in Calcutta, Madras, or Bombay ;

and the Accountant General will return deposits on non-accepted tenders, and will issue allotment-certificates so far as the tenders are payable in Madras or Bombay.

5. The rate at which each tender is made must be specified in rupees or rupees and annas: a tender in which no rate is thus specified, but a subscription is offered in some other terms—as, for example, at the recorded minimum, or at some specified percentage in addition to the recorded minimum, or at the average of the accepted tenders—will be rejected as null and void.

6. The rate at which a tender is made must not contain a fraction of an anna: if a rate containing a fraction of an anna is inserted in any tender, such fraction will be struck out and the tender treated as if the rate did not contain such fraction of an anna.

Deposits.

7. Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of not less than one-hundredth, or, if the tender be for less than Five Lakhs of Rupees, then for not less than one fiftieth part of the tender. The deposit must be in one of the following forms: (*a*) a receipt for the amount from the Head Office of the Bank of Bengal, or Madras, or Bombay, or one of their Branches, or from an officer in charge of some Public Treasury, or (*b*) a cheque drawn in favor of the Comptroller General on a Bank in Calcutta, Madras or Bombay, or (*c*) Government Promissory Notes,[1] standing in the name of or endorsed to the tenderer or the person making the deposit.

[1] It is particularly requested that such Promissory Notes may *not* be endorsed to the Comptroller General.

8. (*a*) Deposits, not being promissory notes, will, in the case of accepted tenders, be credited proportionally in part payment of the allotment-certificates issued in respect of the tender, and will bear interest for the purpose of clause 16 below from the date of the opening of tenders. When a tender is not accepted in full, the deposits, when they are not in the form of promissory notes, will be credited as far as possible proportionately in even tens of rupees in part payment of the allotment-certificates issued in respect of it. If any allotment-certificate is not fully taken up, the deposit credited in respect of it will be forfeited.

(*b*) Promissory notes deposited in respect of any accepted tender will be held until all the allotment-certificates issued in respect of the tender are paid up, and will, if the allotment-certificates are not fully taken up, be appropriated by the Government and cancelled.

Opening of Tenders.

9. The Governor General in Council reserves the right to declare, on or before the 9th August, the minimum rate at which tenders will be accepted. If not so declared, the said minimum rate will be recorded under the signature of the Comptroller General, and, before the tenders are opened, placed upon the table in a sealed envelope, but will not be declared unless some tender is rejected only because it is below the recorded minimum.

10. Tenders will be opened publicly by the Comptroller General at the Treasury Buildings, Calcutta, at noon (Calcutta time), on Monday, the 16th August next, and those received under the terms of the note under clause 4 will be similarly opened by the Accountant General, Madras, at 11-30 (Madras time), and by the Accountant General, Bombay, at 11 o'clock (Bombay time) on the same day; but the contents of the tenders will not be disclosed otherwise than as provided in clause 12.

11. Tenders at the minimum rate and at rates above the minimum rate will be accepted in the order of the rates tendered, beginning with the highest rate; the amount allotted at the lowest rate at which tenders are accepted will be divided amongst those who have tendered at this rate in proportion, as nearly as may be found convenient, to the amounts of their tenders; provided that no allotment will be issued if the amount distributable on any tender is less than Rs. 500.

Allotment-Certificates.

12. To each tenderer (or to his agent) whose tender is accepted in whole or in part such number of allotment-certificates as may be necessary to make up the aggregate amount allotted to him will be issued by the Comptroller General[2] as soon as possible after the 16th August; and an alphabetical list of the names of those to whom such allotment-certificates are issued will be posted for general information at the Head Offices of the Banks of Bengal, Madras, and Bombay.

[2] For tenders received by the Accountant General, Madras or Bombay, and payable at those places, the Accountant General will issue the allotment-certificates.

13. If the allotment made on any tender is less than Rs. 3,000, then the whole of the allotment certificates (after credit of the deposit under clause 8 (*a*)) will be made payable upon the 28th September.

Otherwise the whole amount of each allotment will be divided into three instalments as follows:—

Instalment I.—As near as convenient to 35 per cent, but not exceeding 35 per cent, payable upon the 30th August:

Instalment II.—As near as convenient to 35 per cent, but not exceeding 35 per cent, payable upon the 28th September:

Instalment III.—The balance payable upon the 21st October:

and allotment-certificates will be issued for each instalment separately.

But the whole or any part of any accepted tender may be paid at any time after receipt of the allotment-certificates.

The words "as near as convenient" refer to the necessity for making each instalment an exact multiple of Rs. 500.

14. Any allotment-certificate will, on application to the Comptroller General, be exchanged for an equivalent amount of allotment-certificates of smaller denominations; provided that if any payment (beyond the deposit) is recorded upon the cancelled certificate, it can be taken against, and recorded upon, only one of the certificates issued in exchange.

15. Payment of any allotment-certificate may be made to the account of the Government in the Head Office of the Bank of Bengal or Madras or Bombay, or in any Branch of these Banks, or into any Public Treasury or Treasuries in India which may be named in the tender in respect of which it was issued. Receipts for such payments will be given by the Banks of Bengal, Madras, and Bombay, or their Branches, or by the Officers in charge of the Government Treasuries at which payment is made, by enfacement upon the relative certificate.

Issue of Promissory Notes.

16. (*a*) When any allotment-certificate is fully paid up, the holder will, on presenting it duly receipted at the place where it was paid, obtain from the Public Debt Office, Calcutta, promissory notes of such values as he may desire (each note being in even hundreds and not less than Rs. 500), bearing interest from 31st December 1897, and he will also receive interest at 3½ per cent, per annum from the dates on which he may have made payment till the 30th of December 1897.

(*b*) Or he may, at his option, by paying interest at the said rate from 30th June 1897 to the dates on which he may have made payment, obtain promissory notes as above, bearing interest from 30th June 1897.

FORM OF PROMISSORY NOTE (see Clause 2).

Fort William, the

Promissory Note *Government Rupees* *at 3½ per cent.*

No. *of* 1854-55.

The Governor General of India in Council does hereby acknowledge to have received from the sum of Government Rupees Five Hundred only as a loan to the Secretary of State in Council for India, and does hereby promise, for and on behalf of the said Secretary of State in Council, to repay the said loan, by paying the said sum of Government Rupees Five Hundred only to the said , his Executors, or Administrators, or his or their Order, on demand, at the General Treasury at Fort William, after the expiration of Three Months' Notice of Payment, to be given by the Governor General of India in Council, in the *Government Gazette*, and to pay the interest accruing on the said sum of Government Rupees Five Hundred only from the at the rate of three-and-a-half per cent, per annum, by half-yearly payments, at the General Treasury at Fort William, to the said , his Executors, or Administrators, or his or their Order, until the expiration of three months after such notice of payment as aforesaid, when the amount of interest due will be payable with the principal, and (such notice being considered as equivalent to a tender of payment at the period appointed for the discharge of this note) all further interest shall cease.

The Governor General in Council hereby further engages that Notice of Payment as aforesaid shall not be given before the First day of May 1904, and that this Note shall not be discharged before the First day of August 1904.

FORM OF TENDER (see Clause 4).

I, *A. B.*, hereby tender for Rupees (*X*) of *the three-and-a-half per cent Loan* advertised in the Notification published in the *Gazette of India, Extraordinary*, dated the 19th July 1897, and agree to pay for the same, subject to the conditions notified, at the rate of Rupees (*Y*) Annas (*Z*) for every hundred rupees allotted to me.

I enclose a *deposit receipt** for Rupees (*XX*), and engage, if my offer be accepted, to pay to the account of the Government at the *Bank of*† *(or at the*† *Branch of the Bank of*† *; or into the Public Treasury at*† *as the case may be)*—

*Or Cheque or Government Promissory Note.

†Here enter the name of Bank, Branch Bank, or Treasury.

The first instalment, not exceeding 35 per cent., on or before 30th August 1897.
The second instalment, not exceeding 35 per cent, on or before 28th September 1897.
The balance on or before 21st October 1897.

Or, if the amount allotted to me be less than Rs. 3,000, then the whole amount on or before 28th September 1897.

Any allotment made to me may be communicated to *C. D.* at‡

‡ Here insert *C. D.*'s address which must be in India. This paragraph should only be inserted if *A. B.* does not reside in India, or, if residing in India, he wishes the allotment communicated to an agent, or desires to pay the instalments elsewhere than at the place where the tender is submitted, and wishes the allotment-certificates to be given to an agent at that place.

NOTE.—(1) A separate tender must be made at each rate tendered. The rate tendered should be the whole amount per centum, not the premium or discount: thus "One hundred and two" or "One hundred" or "Ninety-nine"; not "Two per cent premium" or "Par" or One per cent discount.

By Order of the Governor General in Council,

J. F. FINLAY, *Secy. to the Govt. of India.*

NOTIFICATION BY THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL.

The Comptroller General requests the attention of tenderers to the following arrangements :—

Filling up Tenders.

(1) They are requested to use only the printed forms of tender which will be available at his Office and at the Currency Office on application to the Durwan on duty, at all the Provincial Account Offices, and at the Banks of Bengal, Madras and Bombay, and will also be supplied to the principal Treasuries.

(2) If the deposit is in the form of Promissory Notes or of Currency Notes, their number should be quoted in detail in the tender.

Presentation of Tenders.

(3) For all tenders presented to him in his office upon the last fixed day, or the two days preceding it, he will give the bearer a receipt bearing a number and initialled by himself or an assistant especially deputed for the purpose. The Accountants General, Madras and Bombay, will do likewise in respect of tenders presented to them under the note to clause 4 of the Government Notification.

Return of Deposit in case of Non-acceptance.

(4) The reverse of this receipt is a form in which, in the event of the tender not being accepted, the tenderer may give to the Comptroller General or Accountant General, Madras or Bombay, a receipt for the deposit accompanying it. This form should on the third day after the opening of the tenders be filled up, signed with the same signature as the tender, and be presented at the Office of the Comptroller General or Accountant General, Bombay or Madras. The deposit will then be returned to the bearer in exchange for the receipt.

(5) Deposit upon tenders presented personally, as described in No. (3) above, will be returned only in this way, and will not be sent by post or otherwise. Deposits upon other unsuccessful tenders will be returned by post or by the hands of a clerk.

Accepted Tenders.

(6) The Comptroller General and the Accountant General, Madras or Bombay (in the case of tenders received by such Accountant General and payable in Madras or Bombay), will issue allotment-certificates to successful tenderers. These certificates will be for the following amounts :—Rs. 500, Rs. 1,000, Rs. 2,000, Rs. 5,000, Rs. 10,000, Rs. 20,000, Rs. 50,000, Rs. 1,00,000, making up the full value accepted; and the deposit on the tender will be divided among them; they will be substantially of the following form:

This is to certify that, in accordance with the terms of Notification No. 3110, *dated* 19*th July* 1897 (*Gazette of India*, Extraordinary, *dated* 19*th July* 1897), *the abovenamed tenderer has engaged to take up Rs.* 2,000 *of the* 3½ *Per Cent. Loan of* 1854-55 *at the rate above mentioned on or before* ; *and that on the said payment being completed, he is entitled on endorsing and delivering up this certificate to receive a promissory note or notes of the Government of India for Rs.* 2,000 *bearing interest from*

CALCUTTA,
The 19*th July* 1897.

O. T. BARROW,
Offg. Comptroller and Auditor General.